



Launceston College

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HOMEWORK POLICY

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Launceston College believes that students' learning should stretch beyond the classroom, and homework should be a meaningful part of what students are expected to achieve during their time at College.

Homework should be set regularly throughout each term by teachers, and students should receive appropriate feedback.

As well as supporting curriculum knowledge and understanding, effective homework supports the development of a range of skills, including independence, reliability, and meeting deadlines. All of these are skills required to be successful in life.

We have exceptionally high expectations for the achievement of all of our students, and the potential for academic enrichment through effectively set homework is significant. If students are set engaging and effective tasks outside of lesson time, they will be more likely to succeed.

Homework should be meaningful, manageable and motivating. Students should be clear about why they are completing homework, and should have a reasonable amount of time to complete it. Generally, homework should not be set to be completed for the following day.

It should usually be possible for students to complete homework independently, without assuming reliance on help or support from parents or carers. Tasks should be clearly set (with guidelines on how long to spend completing if appropriate) on the e-contact book, which students and parents can access.

While the sanction system should be used if homework is not complete, students should be encouraged to communicate in advance with teachers maturely in order to negotiate deadlines in exceptional circumstances. Homework should form an extension of engaging and interesting teaching and learning, and should not be tokenistic.

Heads of Faculty should set guidance for their subjects specifying recommended content and frequency.

Further reading resources:

<https://huntington.researchschool.org.uk/2017/11/10/homework-what-does-the-evidence-say/>

<https://www.nfer.ac.uk/publications/HWK01/HWK01.pdf>

<http://www.education.ox.ac.uk/about-us/study-emphasises-value-of-doing-homework/>